

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

HAYES, Robin (Republican)  
Representative, 8th District, North Carolina  
Elected 1998 to the 106th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congress



#### BACKGROUND

Born: Concord, North Carolina - 14 August 1945

Home: Concord, North Carolina

Marital status: Married (Barbara) - 2 children

Religion: Presbyterian

Education: Duke Univ, BA, 1967

Military: None

Profession: Hosiery Mill Owner

Political: Concord Board of Alderman, 1978-81; North Carolina House, 1992-6; Majority Whip, 1994-6; ran for Governor, 1996. Defeated Mike Taylor (D) in 1998 general election with 51% of the vote to succeed Rep W.G. "Bill" Hefner (D) who retired. Reelected in 2000 with 55% of the vote and in 2002 with 54%. District redrawn for the 2002 elections.

Rep Hayes is a conservative on both social and economic issues. Top priority is economic development for his district and promoting a strong military. In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress expressed concern that US investment in national defense had declined 38 percent over the past 10 years while more countries have developed weapons that threaten US security. During FY02 DoD Auth hearing (11Jul01), said "I don't want America to ever go through a period in history where we lose pilots because we have inferior equipment, and inferior capability." Interested in F-22, JSF and recapitalization issues. Concerned about aging aircraft. Stated that if we are going to maintain our ability to fight and win armed conflicts, we must maintain a proper level of active duty forces. Said the US must establish clear foreign policy objectives and stick to them, adding that while it cannot intervene in every crisis, when national interests are at stake there is no choice. Stated that our troops should never be placed under foreign command (Hayes Homepage). Concerned about military training, housing, and health care issues, suggesting there are serious gaps in housing and force protection that can be improved. Queried senior NCO's about the impact of bad facilities on recruiting, retention and personnel safety. Wanted to know if airmen are consulted during programming and design of housing privatization initiatives (HASC Mil Installations hearing 9May01). Favors development of national missile defense system. Participated in the CODEL to the Lafayette Escadrille Monument (Jun01). Textile manufacturing is important to the district. After considerable pressure from the administration, supported fast track trade promotion authority in Dec 01, an unpopular idea among his constituents worried about foreign competition.

Additional: As a result of redistricting, Pope AFB and Ft Bragg are now physically located in the neighboring 2<sup>nd</sup> District.. Private pilot-owns BE-90 "King Air" twin kept in his district. Son was accepted to AF Academy but was unable to attend due to knee injury. An heir to the multimillion dollar Cannon family textile fortune. An Assistant Whip in the House leadership. Member, Airpower Caucus, Army Caucus, and Co-Chair of Impact Aid Coalition

AF Bases: Pope AFB (interest only)

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